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1. On 2 January 1952, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Danzigerstrasse, Leipzig (N 52/E 21), quartered about 300 troops, including some who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Many officers and EM were seen entering and leaving the installation on 21 December. Fresh imprints of track-laying vehicles led from Wiederitzsch freight yard to the installation and the western section of the former ration supply depot on Danzigerstrasse. Local residents said that the imprints had been made by caterpillar tractors which were apparently stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne.
2. On 2 January 1952, the former German military post hospital on Danzigerstrasse was heavily occupied. However, no vehicular traffic was noticed on that or the preceding days.
3. Between 24 and 31 December 1951, the eastern section of the former ration supply depot on Danzigerstrasse housed the military post prison and the post bakery. Vehicles which picked up loaves of bread on 31 December 1951 included a horse-drawn vehicle and motor vehicles. Civilian employees and large piles of beams and boards were noticed in the western section of the former depot on 31 December. The gate was closed from 24 to 31 December. No sentries were noticed. (1)
4. On 31 December, the Train Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse quartered a unit of about 250 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets alternated with sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets. There was no training activity or vehicular traffic. (2)
5. On 2 January 1952, the Treitschke Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse and the western section of the Planitz Kaserne on Fritz Reuterstrasse quartered about 400 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets and maintained a dog kennel.
6. Between 17 December 1951 and 2 January 1952, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau quartered not less than 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. The quarters were from 70 to 90 percent lighted in the evenings. Model M-13 rocket launcher drove through the suburb of Schoenau toward the Flak Kaserne on 19 December. Troops observed on 26 December included: 35 soldiers carrying spades and marching into the installation;

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about 50 unarmed soldiers assembling for roll call; and about 40 soldiers practicing with four short-barreled artillery pieces of about 76-mm. Four model M-13 rocket launchers [redacted] were parked on the athletic field. [redacted]

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7. On 2 January, the Flak Kaserne on Torgauerstrasse, Leipzig-Heiterblick, was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Several tank trucks and vehicles [redacted] were noticed. (U)

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8. On 26 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity by about 600 troops. All quarters were lighted at dusk. Small units with infantry weapons were daily seen leaving for the Lindenthal drill grounds. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The Hindenburg Kaserne houses the SCC komendatura, with guard unit, and an air force construction unit which is equipped with caterpillar tractors and keeps stocks of construction material in the western section of the former ration supply depot on Danzigerstrasse. The vehicles which, according to the present report, picked up loaves of bread, belong to the 8th Gds Mecz Div.
- (2) A signal unit of the GOFU has been carried in the Train Kaserne to date. However, troops with black-bordered black epaulets have not been observed there since November 1951. [redacted]

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- (3) [redacted] the Treitschke Kaserne and the adjoining western section of the Planitz Kaserne are occupied by MGB units. [redacted]

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- (4) The rocket launchers and vehicle [redacted] confirm the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps at Leipzig-Schoenau. In addition, the 76-mm infantry guns and vehicles [redacted] confirm the 19th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div at Leipzig-Schoenau. The regiment was previously stationed in Chemnitz-Elversdorf. [redacted] The present report contains no clues indicating the presence of the 69th Gds Mecz Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, which was probably transferred to Halle. [redacted]

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- (5) [redacted]. Nor does the present report contain indications of the whereabouts of components of the 13th AAA Div which are still carried at Leipzig-Schoenau.
- (6) The Flak Kaserne at Heiterblick appears to be still occupied by components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted].

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